Setting up of coal washery by SECL

†1631. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has provided land on lease to M/s Iron Coal Benefication Private Limited to set up washery;

(b) if so, whether SECL was authorised to provide the land on lease which was acquired for extracting coal;

(c) whether permission was taken from State Administration to provide land on lease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir. SECL has not provided any land to M/s Iron Coal Benefication Private Limited on lease to set up coal washery. However, 4.98 Ha. *i.e.* 12.35 acres of land has been leased out to M/s Aryan Coal Benefications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi at Dipka Project for setting up a Coal Benefication Plant.

(b) SECL was authorised with the prior approval of the Ministry of Coal, Government of India to provide the land on lease to M/s Aryan Coal Benefications Pvt. Ltd.

(c) and (d) Since the land provide on lease was acquired under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, necessary approval/permission was taken from the Central Government as per the provisions of the Act.

Jobs for ex-servicemen in CIL

†1632. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been drawn up to provide the jobs for transportation for loading to ex-servicemen in Coal India Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that drivers of the vehicles should be ex-servicemen;

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